

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following amended paragraph:

[0010] Figs. 3A-3E are timing diagrams indicating various embodiments of shift commands generated by shift control unit 98 and the timing of TC signals generated by transmission control unit 90. In each diagram, the shift command signals are low active. As used herein, the term “simultaneous” has the standard meaning of “pertaining to the occurrence of two or more events at the same instant of time.” Fig. 3A illustrates a situation wherein a shift command signal is generated by shift control device 98 for a time interval P that is less than a predetermined time interval X. In this embodiment, such a shift command signal is assumed to be a spurious signal, and no operation is performed. Of course, in other embodiments such a shift command signal could perform some kind of function. Fig. 3B illustrates a situation wherein a shift command signal is generated by shift control device 98 for a time interval Q that is greater than time interval X. In this embodiment, such a shift command signal requests a shift by one speed stage, and the TC signal is generated accordingly. Fig. 3C illustrates a situation wherein a shift command signal is generated by shift control device 98 for a time interval R that is greater than time interval X and also greater than a time interval Y, wherein, for the purposes of measurement, time interval Y begins at the same instant as time interval X but is greater than time interval X. In this embodiment, such a shift command signal requests a shift by two speed stages, and the TC signal is generated accordingly.